

APPENDIX B, DOCUMENT 1

Mr Satpal Singh Grewal's Witness statement for 26 May 2010

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Dear Sir,

Re: Mr Satpal S Grewal's witness statement for 26 May 2010 telephone conversation between Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon and Mr Steve Wagner

I refer to the above. I, Mr Satpal Singh Grewal, of would like to confirm that I am deeply concerned to find out about the draft report from the Standard Board's complaint made by Mr Steve Wagner (Grant Renewal Manager) against Cllr Balwinder Singh Dhillon regarding a telephone conversation which had taken place between them on 26 May 2010 at approximately 1740pm.

On 26 May 2010 around lunch time (approx. 1pm), I called Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon for an update regarding my DFG grant application. Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon came to see me at my house the same day at approximately 1700-1710pm. He was sitting at my house with my family members present. Cllr B S Dhillon was explaining that he had spoken to Mrs Manju Dhar (Manager, Private Sector Housing) regarding a specification list that we were going to receive. Once we had the list, we would then be able to obtain three estimates from competitive builders/maintenance contractors.

I can confirm that Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon received a telephone call from Mr Steve Wagner (Grant Renewal Manager) at approximately 1735-1740pm on 26 May 2010. Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon was confirming over the phone that he had spoken with myself and that I was happy to accept the Council's specification list. **I have been waiting for DFG grant since June 2006.**

I would like to clarify that I did not witness Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon raise his voice nor shout at Mr Steve Wagner. Mr Steve Wagner put the telephone down while they were speaking, which I find was very rude on Mr Wagner's part. I personally felt Mr Wagner's behaviour was rude, offensive and intimidating towards Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon.

Please note that as per Mr Steve Wagner's witness statement, paragraph 5 and 6: "My first referral was made on 1 November 2007 and I was placed on a waiting list at 109. A further referral was made on 3 December 2009 as the client's (my) needs had changed mean deteriorated. A financial assessment was confirmed on 25 January 2010. From this point the case was then again referred to the Surveyors and generally works are completed within six months."

Please note that paragraph 6 of Mr Steve Wagner's witness statement confirms that Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon had already made a complaint to Ms Manju Dhar about the amount of time taken to carry out the application process.

Please also note that paragraph 9 of Mr Steve Wagner's witness statement states that "he insisted that I process the grant immediately". This was not true, Cllr Balwinder S Dhillon insisted that. It was a fabricated statement of Mr Steve Wagner. I feel he was abusing his position by giving a misleading false statement.

As Cllr Dhillon had already made a complaint to Ms Manju Dhar, there was no need for Cllr Dhillon to

discuss the matter with Mr Steve Wagner any further.

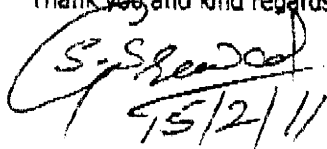
It was becoming increasingly evident that Mr Steve Wagner was obstructing the process. I felt he was being difficult and I am deeply concerned that a man of his position in the Council would make such a misleading statement as he did in the draft report.

Action must be taken to ensure Mr Steve Wagner does not repeat such behavior again. I am still waiting for my six-month period to complete after nearly 5 years. Please find below a summary of events:

- I have been waiting for DFG from May 2006, but according to Mr Steve Wagner I have been waiting from 1 Nov 2007.
- My second referral was made on 3 December 2009
- My financial assessment was made on 25 January 2010 (13 months ago)
- The letter for a specification requirement list was sent on 20 May 2010
- Cllr Dhillon already made a complaint to Ms Manju Dhar regarding the length of time being taken
- Cllr Dhillon did not make a telephone call to Mr Steve Wagner on 26 May 2010 at approx 5.40pm
- Cllr Dhillon did receive a telephone call from Mr Steve Wagner on 26 May 2010 at 5.35-5.40pm
- Cllr Dhillon did not insist to Mr Steve Wagner to process the application immediately on 26 May 2010 (5.35-5.45pm)
- After 5 years of waiting, I am still waiting on the Council's six-month deadline

Once again, I would like to reiterate that the draft report is inaccurate and should be withdrawn. Action must be taken against bullying officers who abuse their positions of power.

Thank you and kind regards



Mr Satpal Singh Grewal

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